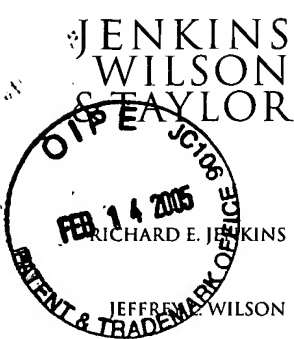


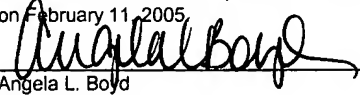
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Our Ref. No. 1449/5

Sir:


Please find enclosed the following:

1. Amendment in Response to Restriction/Election Requirement (16 pages); and
2. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to our offices with the U.S. Patent and Trademark filing stamp thereon.

Please contact our offices if there are any questions.

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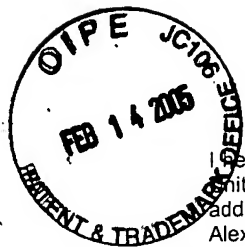
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This Amendment is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated January 18, 2005, having a 1-month term for response, without extension, by February 18, 2005. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendment and Remarks.